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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This Response is being submitted in connection with the Office Action mailed on September 15, 2004 in the above-identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed on January 13, 2005. A Request for Continued Examination and the fee therefor accompanies this amendment. A three-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the fee therefor accompanies this paper. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 23-0785 any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 which may be required by this paper. Reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.